

The Accelerated BS PSY to MS Recreational Therapy Pathway Program:

This program is like the base BS PSY program, except that students take specific PSY and cognate courses, as well as three Recreational Therapy (REC) graduate courses. After their bachelor's degree (4 years), students will typically complete an additional year (+1 year) of graduate work to complete their MS degree. Students must be accepted to the MS program and complete 24 additional REC credits to earn the MS degree.

Recreational Therapists are in high demand for employers, and this pathway will allow you to complete the requirements for this job at an accelerated pace. Three of the required graduate courses are taken while students in undergraduate status, which allows students to cut costs by paying the undergraduate rate for these classes.

Students in the BS PSY to MS Recreational Therapy ensure they complete the following PSY and cognate courses, preferably by the end of their junior year:

PSY Development: *PSY 219*

PSY Applied: *PSY 321*

Cognate 1 and 2: *REC 231 and HMS 280*

In their senior year, students must complete the following 3 REC graduate courses:

REC 574

REC 585 or REC 534

REC 543 or 581 (as Cognate 3)

Students can only enroll in the required graduate courses in their senior year if they have a GPA of at least 3.0. Students who do not have a 3.0 or higher at the time where they are considering the program are advised against entering it. Students who do not have the required 3.0 GPA to enroll in REC 500-level courses in their senior year will revert to the non-accelerated version BS PSY degree (or switch to the non-accelerated program of their choice, provided they meet program requirements).

Completion of the bachelor's portion of the degree does not obligate the student to continue to the MS degree. However, if they do, they must go through the standard application process. Regular admission requirements for the MS in Recreational Therapy Program *still apply* after completion of the bachelor's portion. Acceptance to the MS program *is not guaranteed*, even if a student has completed the bachelor's portion of this program.

Students should plan to apply for admission to the MS in Recreational Therapy Program after completion of the BS portion of their degree. Typically, students prepare and submit their MS application during or shortly after their final semester as an undergraduate student.